



**Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Select Board Meeting Minutes**

Hadley Town Hall - Room 203 at 5:30 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom as a virtual meeting for the Town of Hadley.

Present were: David J. Fill, II., Chair; Christian Stanley, Clerk; Joyce Chunglo, Member; Jane Nevinsmith, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present were Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator, Jennifer Sanders James, Assistant Procurement Officer; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Michael Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Michael Mason, Police Chief; Megan Healy, Dispatcher; Susan Mosler; Board of Health; Susan Glowatsky, Collector; Bill Dwyer, Planning Board; Randy Izer, Town Moderator; Tommie Quinlan, Building Inspector; Chris Okafor, DPW Director; Kaye Sherwood, Resident

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Hadley, MA 01035 there and then to act on the following agenda.

ON-LINE AGENDA

The Select Board agenda is posted on-line at www.hadleyma.org

1. Bring up the Town website using the URL above.
2. Select "Select Board" from the drop down menu.
3. Select "BoardDocs LT"
4. Click on "Meetings" tab.
5. Select the appropriate meeting from the dates offered.
6. Click "View Meeting" and you can follow the progress of the meeting.

The public may access the meeting remotely by using a computer or telephone and follow the instructions below:

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Select Board Meeting

Time: Jan 20, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95804264716?pwd=NjA2cmtCRkRMa0tBOWJtekI2d0JiZz09>

Meeting ID: 958 0426 4716

Passcode: 179759

3/13/20 BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration announced an emergency order temporarily modifying the state’s open meeting law in order to allow state, quasi and local governments to continue to carry out **essential functions** and operations during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

This emergency order suspends the requirement for public access to the physical location where a public meeting is taking place, **provided there are other means of access available. This includes the use of a phone conference line for members of the public, social media or other internet streaming services, on-line meeting services, or methods of access.**

Both the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

Additionally, the order relieves the requirement that a quorum of members be physically present at a public meeting. During this period, members may all participate by remote or virtual means. This order is applicable to meetings of public bodies including commissions, boards, and committees that engage in policy making at the state, quasi and local level, and it **does not apply to Town Meetings** or judicial and quasi-judicial hearings. It follows Governor Baker’s declaration of a State of Emergency on Wednesday, March 11, and it will remain in place until rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

The full text of the Governor's order may be found here: https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw_ExecOrder_Mar32020.pdf

This meeting is being recorded and all members of the Select Board are present.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

Minutes	April 1, 2020; April 2, 2020
Warrants	AP2129; AP2129S, AP2130,AP2130S
Hadley PD Part-time Dispatcher Appointment	Megan Healy

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion: Joyce Chunglo

Second: Christian Stanley

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

TOWN OF HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
SELECT BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA

Items on a Consent Agenda are exceptions to the general process of the Select Board's Meeting. The Select Board identifies those business items that they believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate. These items are put on the Consent Agenda to allow motions under these items to be acted upon as one unit and to be passed without debate.

At the call of the Consent Agenda, the Chair of the Select Board will read out the business items, one by one. If one or more Select Board members object to any particular item being included in the Consent Agenda, they say "hold" in a loud voice when the item is called. The item will be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and voted separately under the usual manner. After the calling of the individual items in the Consent Agenda, the Chair will ask for a motion that the Select Board pass all items remaining AS A UNIT on one vote. Use of the Consent Agenda process makes the Select Board Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items.

3. Public Comments: 5:30 - 5:45pm

3.1 Public Comments

The public comment period is a time for the public to bring their concerns before the Select Board. The Board will hear public comments for 15 minutes. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes so that other members of the public may have an opportunity to speak.

In general, the Board will take all items and issues raised under advisement. Requests that can be addressed administratively will be referred to the appropriate department head for action. Requests for public documents will be handled according to law.

If the Chair of the Select Board calls for public comments, and after all public comments are heard, and if there is still time available, the Chair may close that portion of the meeting agenda and move to other items on the agenda.

Tobacco barn fire on Shattuck Road

Michael Spanknebel, Fire Chief explained recent tobacco barn fire on Shattuck Road that required assistance from surrounding towns as well as police support from Hadley, UMass, and State police. No injuries reported.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator will report on special projects, departmental functions, and community events.

Carolyn mentioned the following:

- a. Discussion with Eversource regarding the application of an herbicide around the base of power lines.
- b. Conversation with PVRTA continuing to help fund the drivers of local routes.
- c. Meetings in the very near future regarding the FY 2022 budget with department heads and Board chairs.

5. New Business

5.1 Election Terms for Town Moderator and Oliver Smith Will Trust

The Select Board will discuss adding an article to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant increasing the terms of the Town Moderator and the Elector for Oliver Smith Will Trust from one year terms to three year terms.

Randy Izer states that he wants to expand the moderator term to 3 years, this would make it easier not to have to run every year.

Carolyn Brennan states that MGL Ch. 39 Sec. 14 says that the moderator term is for 1 – 3 year terms.

Motion to approve to add the proposed increase in the term of office to 3 years to the Town Meeting warrant.

Motion: Joyce Chunglo

Second: Christian Stanley

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

5.2 COVID-19 Update

The Select Board will review the Town of Hadley's response and plans for dealing with COVID-19. The Unified Command provides as needed situation reports, which are posted to www.hadleyma.org

Dr. Susan Mosler did not have updated Covid metrics available, but did recall that Hadley residents are currently generating 2 to 4 new cases daily.

5.3 Select Board Responsibilities

Jane Nevinsmith states that she wants the Select Board to be more efficient and to set policies. Joyce Chunglo wants to bring back the long range plan and for it to be a discussion point for each meeting.

6. Old Business

6.1 2021 License renewals

Mother's Haystack - Subway - Common Victualler

Joy Bowl - Common Victualler

Interskate 91 - Common Victualler and Skating Rink(General License)

Motion to approve licenses.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Nevinsmith

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

6.2 Department Liaison Reports

The Department Liaisons will give a brief report about the governmental divisions they represent.

This agenda item was postponed.

6.3 Library

Patrick Borezo states that the library has received a Certificate of Occupancy and ask that the Select Board declare the property left in the Goodwin as surplus property.

Motion to declare surplus property from the old library.

Motion: Jane Nevinsmith Second: Christian Stanley

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

7. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

7.1 Route 9 Widening

MASS DOT- Route 9 Widening Project

Board reviewed several images provided by the MassDOT. Images reflect 2 bike lanes on each side of Route 9.

Motion made to retain just one bike lane on the south side of Route 9 and establish 1 bike lane on the north side of Route 9.

Motion: Nevinsmith Second: Chunglo

Roll Call Vote: Fill: No; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

7.2 Veterans Service Agreement

The Select Board is asked to sign the Veterans Service Agreement between the Town of Hadley and the City of Northampton. This contract is for FY21.

Motion to sign the Veteran's Service Agreement between Hadley and Northampton.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

7.3 Hadley and Amherst agreement to assist each other regarding water and sewer issues.

Motion to approve the Hadley and Amherst agreement for water and sewer assistance.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

Joyce Chunglo offers the Select Board's condolences to the families of Gary Olson, Lynn Ruhl, John Lipski, and JoAnn Modenski.

Nominations papers are available.

9.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Chunglo: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED